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SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL IRA MEMBER KILLS POLICEMAN

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1. TWENTY YEAR OLD ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY (RUC)
PATROLMAN SHOT BY SNIPER WITH ARMALITE LONDONDERRY MAY 10.
PROVISIONAL IRA CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY. CONSTABLE
IS FIRST FULL TIME MEMBER SECURITY FORCES TO BE KILLED BY
PROVISIONAL IRA SINCE BEGINNING CURRENT CEASEFIRE FEBRUARY.

2. PROVISIONAL IRA STATEMENT SAID ACTION WAS IN RETALIATION
FOR RUC ARREST AND MISTREATMENT OF MEMBER REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT
WHICH BREACHED "TRUCE AGREEMENT." IN LATER STATEMENT
PROVISIONALS ANNOUNCED RUC BARRED FROM OPERATING IN ANY
AREA LONDONDERRY.

3. TWO CATHOLIC OWNED BARS BELFAST TARGETS BOMB
ATTACKS OVER WEEKEND. PROTESTANT ACTION FORCE HAS
CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY. THERE ALSO ONE BOMBING AND SOME
PHYSICAL ATTACKS BELFAST TRACEABLE TO FEUD BETWEEN PROTESTANT
PARAMILITARY GROUPS ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION AND ULSTER
VOLUNTEER FORCE.

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4. SOME LOYALIST POLITICIANS PROFESS TO BE ALARMED ABOUT

PROVISIONAL ALLUSION TO "AGREEMENT" IN RELATION TO
CEASEFIRE. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE REVIVAL NOW OF LOYALIST
CHARGES THAT CIVIL SERVANTS MADE SECRET DEAL WITH PROVISIONALS
TO GET A CEASEFIRE. MORE OMINOUS IS PROVISIONAL IRA THREAT
TO RETURN LONDONDERRY TO STATUS NO GO AREA FOR RUC.
ARMY HAS DRASTICALLY REDUCED OPERATIONS AND VISIBILITY
LONDONDERRY OVER PAST SIX MONTHS AND IN CONTRAST WITH BELFAST
AREA LONDONDERRY SEEMED WELL ON WAY TO PEACE.
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